

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Previously Presented) A camera comprising:

a display using a dot-matrix which displays information about a photographic condition in arbitrary display form;;

a selector which selects one of a plurality of display modes, a form of display for each of the plurality of display modes being different from each other, wherein

standard information required for photographing is displayed as common information among said each of the plurality of display modes, and

in said each of the plurality of display modes, at least one piece of information that is inherent to each respective display mode is displayed; and

a controller which controls the display to display the display mode selected by the selector, and at a time the display mode on the display is changed to one of the plurality of display modes from an another display mode different from the plurality of display modes, to display the display mode which was displayed before the display mode on the display is changed to the another display mode.

2. (Original) The camera of Claim 1, wherein the standard information required for photographing is one of a film counter value, a shutter speed, and an aperture value.

3. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of display modes displays information including a graphical representation.

4. (Original) The camera of Claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of display modes is a list-up display mode wherein information about a plurality of picture frames is displayed in a list-up display form.

5. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 4, wherein another of the plurality of display modes is a detailed display mode wherein detailed information about one of the plurality of picture frames displayed in the list-up display mode is displayed in a detailed form.

6. (Original) The camera of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of display modes include, at least, a first display mode wherein a plurality of pieces of information about photography are displayed, and a second display mode wherein only specific information among the plurality of pieces of information about photography is displayed in an enlarged form.

7. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 6, wherein, in the second display mode, only frequently used information of the plurality of pieces of information about photography are displayed in enlarged form.

8. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 1, wherein, when a functional operation of the camera is executed and information about the functional operation is not included in a the display mode which is currently displayed, the controller controls the display to display information about the functional operation.

9. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 8, wherein, when a predetermined time elapses after the display of the another display mode the controller controls the display to return to the display mode which was displayed immediately before the another display mode was displayed.

10. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 8, wherein the another display mode includes a self-timer display mode.

11. (Previously presented) The camera of Claim 1, further comprising a language selector which selects one language of a predetermined group of languages to be displayed, wherein the controller controls the display to display in said each of the plurality of display modes using the one language selected by the language selector.

12. (Withdrawn) A camera comprising:
a display using a dot-matrix which displays information about a photographic object in arbitrary display form,

a detector which divides a photographic object field into a plurality of photographic areas, and which detects information about the photographic object in each of the photographic areas, and

a controller which controls the display to display in a divided form wherein configuration of each of the photographic areas thus divided are displayed, and the information about the photographic object detected in each of the photographic areas is displayed within the configuration associated.

13. (Withdrawn) The camera of Claim 12, wherein the detector is a photometry device which divides the photographic object field into the plurality of photographic areas, and which detects photometric information in each of the photographic areas, and

the information about the photographic object is the photometric information in each area.

14. (Withdrawn) The camera of Claim 13, wherein the photometric information is information about a deviation in each area, to a photometric information in a specific area.

15. (Withdrawn) The camera of Claim 13, wherein the camera has an auto-exposure lock function, and wherein while the auto-exposure lock function is operated, the controller controls the display to display in the divided form.

16. (Withdrawn) A camera comprising:

a display using a dot-matrix which displays information about photographic conditions in arbitrary display form,

a detector which detects whether a camera body postures horizontally or vertically,

an operation member which can be manually operated, and

a controller which changes a direction, in which the information is displayed on the display, based on a posture of the camera body detected by the detector, at a time of operating the operation member.

17. (Withdrawn) The camera of Claim 16, at time of changing the direction, an arrangement of the information about photographic conditions is changed.

18. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:

a display which displays information about a photograph condition in arbitrary display form,

a selector which selects one display form among a plurality of display forms of a first display mode and a display form of a second display mode, each display form of the first display mode including common information among each of the plurality of display forms of the first display mode, and

a controller which controls the display, at a time of changing the display form on the display from the display form of the second display mode to the display form included in the first display mode, to display the display form which was ~~display~~ displayed at a time of changing the

display form on the display from the display form included in the first display mode to the display form of the second display mode.

19. (Previously presented) The imaging apparatus of Claim 18, wherein, when the display form included in the first display mode is displayed, a functional operation of the camera is executed, and information about the functional operation is not included in the display form which is currently displayed, the controller controls the display to display information about the functional operation in the display form of the second mode.

20. (Previously presented) The imaging apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the functional operation of the camera is an operation for setting conditions about a self-timer photographing.

21. (Previously presented) The imaging apparatus of Claim 18, wherein, when a predetermined time elapses after the display form on the display is changed to the display form of the second display mode, the controller changes the display form on the display from the display form of second display mode to the display form included in the first display mode.

22. (Previously presented) The imaging apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the common information is one of a film counter value and an aperture value.

23. (Previously presented) The imaging apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the plurality of display forms of the first display mode include a display form wherein a plurality of pieces of information about photography are displayed, and an another display form wherein only specific

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information among the plurality of pieces of information about photography is displayed in an enlarged form.